

2027 National Parks Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of Grayson County High School students on a WorldStrides program to explore several of our country's most iconic National Parks. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will see the vast beauty of these landmarks while experiencing incomparable learning moments with their classmates. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

- Walking the oldest state park in Nevada.
- Seeing the beautiful shades of red, orange, and pink from the Navajo sandstone at the Coral Pink Sand Dunes.
- Seeing the largest concentration of Hoodoos in the world at the Bryce Canyon National Park.
- Taking in the sheer beauty of one of the 7 natural wonders of the world at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center.

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. This is a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM in room 55 at Grayson County High School. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (270)259-4078, or via Beverly.Dowell@Grayson.kyschools.us.

Sign Up By Friday, March 6, 2026

Beverly Dowell
Program Leader



Southwest National Parks in 6 days Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in **Las Vegas, NV**

Lunch

Valley of Fire State Park visit Stop and take in the red Aztec sandstone formations at the oldest state park in Nevada. Learn about the shifting sand dunes 150 million years ago that gave the park its name.

Travel to **Utah**

Dinner

DAY 2

Breakfast

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park visit Explore the beautiful shades of red, orange, and pink from the Navajo sandstone. The dunes are estimated to be about 15,000 years old.

Zion Human History Museum visit Learn how water played a role in creating the landscape that makes Zion so famous. Discover the human history of the American Indians and pioneer settlements.

Zion National Park Guided Hike

Picnic Lunch

Virgin River Guided Hike Walk alongside one of the most picturesque sections of Zion.

Dinner

DAY 3

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Canyoneering Adventure This ideal canyoneering adventure is an option like no other. The canyon allows spectators to join without participating in actual rappelling, while offering a scenic Jeep experience with views of Zion National Park's backcountry.

Bryce Canyon National Park Orientation tour See the largest concentration of Hoodoos in the world. These irregular columns of rock are situated along a high plateau atop the Grand Staircase.

Picnic Lunch

Bryce Canyon Hike Hike through these red rock spires and take in the breathtaking scenery during. See if you can spot an elusive mountain lion among the trees in the Ponderosa Pine Forest.

Dinner

Hotel check-in

DAY 4

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Travel to **Grand Canyon**

Grand Canyon Visitor Center Take in the sheer beauty of one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. Learn about how the canyon was formed, the rich history of its people, and how the canyon continues to change each and every day.

Grand Canyon South Rim Hike Take a guide hike of the Rim Trail, offering incredible views through the inner canyon.

Picnic Lunch

Dinner

Travel back to **Las Vegas, NV**

Hotel check-in

DAY 5

Breakfast

Colorado River Float Enjoy the gentle swells of the Black Canyon waters while learning about rare desert wildlife and the history of this geological wonder.

Lunch is included with river float

Dinner

Guided walking tour of **Las Vegas**

DAY 6

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Depart for home

Lunch

National Parks Details:

TRIP DATES

Trip ID#: 227611

Destination: National Parks

Departing: Monday, April 5, 2027

Returning: Saturday, April 10, 2027

TRIP MEETING

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TRIP PRICE

SIGN UP NOW to take advantage of our special early registration discount!

Prices are based on 25 full-paying participants.

Student: Your discounted price is \$3,065 quadruple occupancy, which reflects a \$125 discount for signing up prior to Friday, March 6, 2026.

Adult: Your discounted price is \$3,544 double occupancy, which reflects a \$125 discount for signing up prior to Friday, March 6, 2026.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional \$359 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 01/20/2027.

INCLUDES

- Round trip transportation
- Sightseeing transportation
- Course Leader
- Admission fees
- Field Journals
- 24-Hour Emergency Support
- Evening Activities
- Opportunity to earn free school credit
- All Meals
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Online educational resources
- Accident/health insurance
- Night chaperones in hotel

SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign Up By: 03/06/26 – register now and SAVE!

Deposit Amount: \$49 (non-refundable) – This is a special, reduced deposit amount for signing up prior to 03/06/26.

Sign Up:

- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use **Trip ID#227611** to sign up)
- By phone – call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail – use the registration form **on reverse**

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!



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